

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Luca VINCI et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3761
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Application No.: 10/500,331	)	Examiner: Jacqueline F. Stephens
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Filed: June 28, 2004	)	
	)	Confirmation No.: 8958
For: EQUIPMENT FOR	)	
CONTROLLING BLOOD FLOW	)	
IN AN EXTRACORPOREAL	)	
BLOOD CIRCUIT	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 9, 2007, the period for response extending through January 9, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Reply.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this Reply.